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COMICS

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Usotoki Rhetoric

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Me being
able to
detect lies



only brought
pain to the
people around
me



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**I'M NOT
LYING!!**

I couldn't
understand
it when I
was young.



KIMI-CHAN,
YOU'RE LYING
AGAIN!



Kimi-chan
forgot her
hat...



SFX: AHAHAHA!



SFX: WHAP





SORRY.

I'M GOING
TO BE BUSY
AT WORK.



DIDN'T I
TELL YOU
TO TAKE
A BREAK

I WISH YOU TILL SUM-
MER?
WOULD SPEND THE OBON
FESTIVAL HERE
FOR ONCE.



I'm so glad
Kimi-chan
looks happy.



AAAAH!
THAT'S
A LIE!



MISTER,
SINCE YOU'RE
LYING ABOUT
YOUR WORK,

THAT
MEANS YOU
DO HAVE
TIME TO BE
WITH KIMI-
CHAN!



HE'S
HANDLING
THE FAMILY'S
BUSINESS,
RIGHT? THAT'S
GOING TO BE
COMPLI-
CATED...



I HEARD
KAZU-SAN'S
HUSBAND
HAS A MIS-
TRESS.

KANOKO-
CHAN
UNCOVERED
ANOTHER
LIE.

REALLY...?

What was
once a relaxed
neighborhood,

KANOKO-
CHAN.



DO NOT
EVER GO
NEAR THIS
HOUSE OR
NEAR
KIMIKO
AGAIN.

MY
DAUGHTER
KAZU FAINTED
AND CANNOT
GET OUT OF
BED!!

WE'RE
VERY
SORRY.

suddenly
became
tense.

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EVERYONE
WOULD BE
HAPPY IF
YOU DIDN'T.

That
was how
I finally
understood

I'M VERY
SORRY,

KIMI-
CHAN'S
GRAND-
MA.

KNOWING
LIES IS REPUL-
SIVE.

what my
powers
were.

YOU ARE
CURSED!

KANOKO.

KANOKO.

I'M...
SO...
RRY...

DIDN'T I
TELL YOU
THAT?

EVEN IF
YOU CAN
DETECT
LIES, DON'T
TELL ANY-
ONE.



My mom
always
stayed
quiet,

and cried
with me.



AS SHE
GROWS
UP,

"Try and
test me!"

"You're the
one who
can tell lies,
right?"



NO.



THE ONLY
THING I
COULD
TELL HER
WAS TO
KEEP
QUIET...

IT
MUST BE
TOUGH FOR
SUCH A
YOUNG
GIRL TO
HAVE TO
CONFRONT
LIES.





I WONDER...

IF I CAN
LIVE MY LIFE
WITH THIS
POWER WITHOUT
HURTING OTHER
PEOPLE...

I made
an effort
not to talk
to anyone.

DEALING
WITH
PEOPLE
IS ONLY
GOING
TO GET
HARDER.

HE'S THE
ONE WHO
DID IT!

I had no
other
choice.

But,



MATSUO-KUN
IS LYING.



It hurts
me,

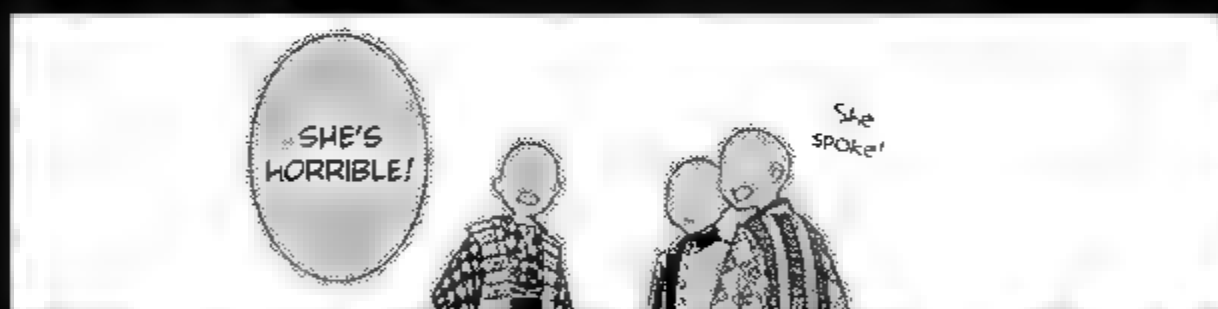
to hear
people bring
down others
by lying.



HE'S
LYING.



NOT
ME!!



SHE'S
HORRIBLE!

SHE
SPOKE!



PLEASE
KEEP IT
A SECRET,
KANOKO-
CHAN.

Knowing
lies means
knowing
secrets.



I'M
FEELING
MUCH
BETTER,
THANK
YOU.



HOW
ARE
YOU
FEEL-
ING?

ON THE BLACKBOARD: URABE KANOKO
IS A MONSTER WHO CAN HEAR LIES



BUT, I
KNOW
HOW
THEY
FEEL...



THEY
SHOULD BE
ASHAMED OF
THEMSEL-
VES.

THOSE
BOYS ARE
SO CRUEL.



HEEEY,
THAT'S
MEAN-



WHEN
KANOKO
IS AROUND
I FEEL LIKE
SHE CAN
SEE RIGHT
THROUGH
ME

IT'S
HORRIBLE.

I will
always
be an
outcast

as long as
I have this
power.



KANO-
KO!!



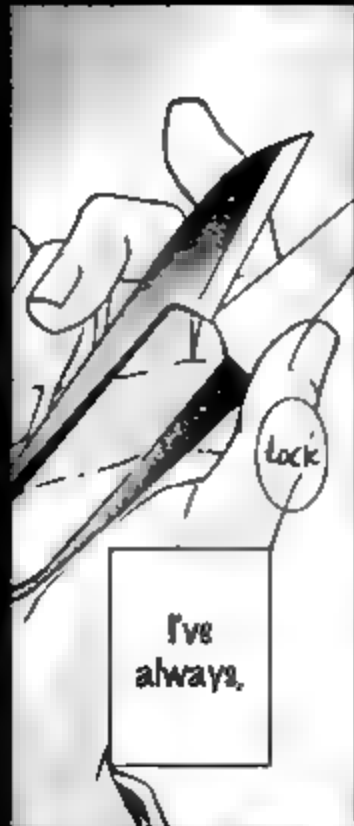
The only way I won't end up hurting people.



KANOKO ...!!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



I've always.



tick

lock



Is if I live alone.





**YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO TOLD
EVERYONE I
WAS RECEIVING
SCHOOL AID!**

**IT WAS
YOU,
WASN'T
IT?!**

SEX SLAP!

tuck

tuck

Kochuk



KIMI-
CHAN?

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? I
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT THIS.



always
believed
that.

tuck

tuck

Kochuk



YOU'RE LYING!!



THAT'S WHAT
KANOKO-SAN
TOLD ME



YUP,
THAT'S
WHAT I
HEARD



IT
WASN'T
ME!!

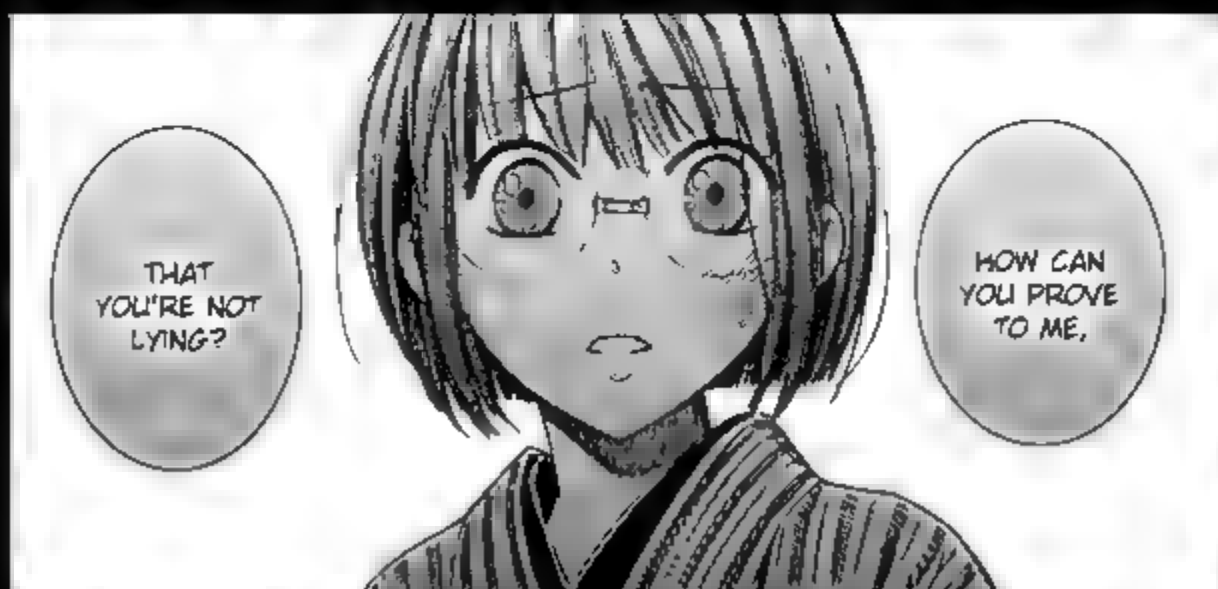
I'M NOT
LYING!!



ISN'T
THAT
SCARY?

OH!!

SHE
SAYS I'M
LYING!



THAT
YOU'RE NOT
LYING?

HOW CAN
YOU PROVE
TO ME,



I can
tell lies,

and no one
will find out.



"Keep it
a secret."

I've been able
to detect lies
for so long,

that I never
even realized,



ISN'T
THAT
FUNNY,
KANOKO-
SAN?

YOU CAN SEE
THROUGH ALL
OUR LIES.

BUT
NO ONE
CAN SEE
THROUGH
YOURS.

That's
right.



YOU'RE
GOING TO
LEAVE...?

I can't stay
like this
anymore.



BUT
YOU...

I CAN
START
WORKING.

I'M
ALREADY
16.



that I can
keep my
power as
a secret.

I can
leave
town,

and live a life
without telling
anyone else
about it.



Finally,

THAT I
UNDERSTOOD
WHAT MY
POWERS
WERE.

I KNOW
I CAUSED
EVERYONE
PROBLEMS,
BUT IT WAS
BECAUSE OF
LIVING IN
THIS TOWN



NO ONE CAN
DECEIVE ME
AS LONG
AS I HAVE
THESE
POWERS,
RIGHT?

IT'S NOT
ALL BAD!

I won't
need to
lie to mom
anymore.



KANOKO
...



I'M GOING
TO WRITE
TO YOU AS
SOON AS
I SETTLE
DOWN ON
A PLACE.

WRITE ME
LETTERS TOO,
OKAY?

"There's
a lot of
things I
want to
tell her."



SHE'S
FINALLY
LEAVING

IT'S SAD
BUT, WHAT
ELSE CAN
YOU DO?

SHE'S
NOTHING
BUT
TROUBLE.

So I left
town and hid
my powers.



"But what
if some lie gets
mixed up with
it when I say it..."

"That she is
very important
to me, and
that I love her."

understand
why my
mother didn't
say anything.



"What if
she hears
it...?"

I won't be
able to
detect lies

from
letters.

But I met
the detective.

"Wouldn't it
be great and
convenient
if you worked
as a detective?"

I was
planning
to live my
life telling
lies.

"Kanoko-kun
is still trying
to signal
something!"

I was so
happy
knowing
that I can
use my power

to help
other
people.

I thought
I would
be useful
to the
detective.

"Yes"

IT WAS
JUST A
MURDER!



YOUR
POWERS
CAN'T
UNCOVER
HIDDEN
TRUTHS.

AND IT
CANNOT
FIND OUT
UNKNOWN
FACTS.

I had to
remember
that.

Working as a
detective's
assistant.

He already
made
that clear,
and yet...



What
should
I do?



I just ended
up hurting
someone
again.

But





"wouldn't
lie like
that."

He
believed
in me.

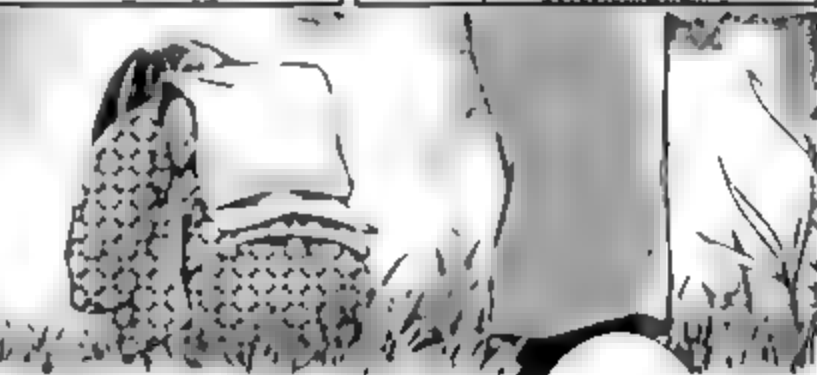
"A person
who is so
much against
lying to
implicate
someone else"

But I
might just
end up causing
him trouble.



One day
I'll make
another
mistake
and end up
hurting
someone
again.

I'm sure
it's the same
mirror!



KANOKO-
KUN.



THE HANNYA
DEMON MASK
REPRESENTS
JEALOUSY AND
BITTERNESS

DETEC-
TIVE?!



IT'S
ME





THAT I
WENT ALL
THE WAY
TO FUJI-
SHIMA
CHIYO'S
HOUSE.

I WAS SO
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU,

I ASKED HER
IF ANYTH'G
HAPPENED AFTER
I LEFT THIS
AFTERNOON.

Detective

SFX WAAAHI

SO, I
WORE THIS
WHILE
LOOKING
FOR YOU!!

SWEETS?!
WHAT KIND
OF
SWEETS?!
WHY
SWEETS?!

Because of
jealousy and
bitterness?!

I HEAR
ABOUT
SWEETS
AFTER
I EAT THAT
TERRIBLE
TSUKU-
MOYAKI?!

AND
THEN,

SHE
SAID YOU
BOTH ATE
SWEETS.

WHAT
HAPPENED?

SO?





TO QUIT
BEING YOUR
ASSISTANT.

"You're not alone

Don't let
me see
you again

I don't

Don't let
me see
you again
Don't let







I HAVE



If I
just

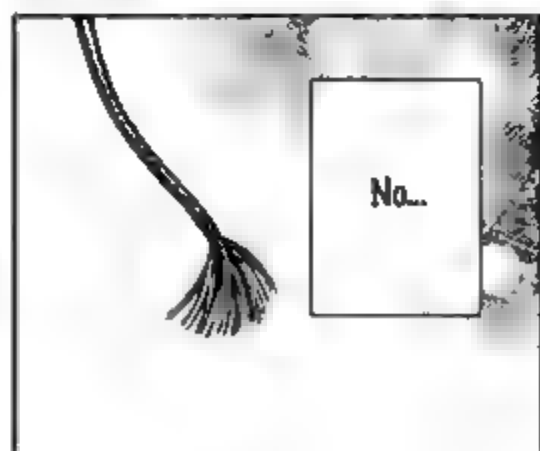
and up
hurting the
detective.

HURTING
PEOPLE
WITH THIS
POWER!!

I UNDER-
STAND.

I'd rather
be alone.







SEE?



I'm going
to quit
being your
assistant.

I can't
have a job
that uses
these
powers.

Did I
just

hurt
him?



"I think you
should work
for someone
other than
me."

I made
him lie.



After he
accepted
me.

I can at least
take you in.



Your
powers
are ama-
zing.
You don't
have to be
so scared.

He
never
once
said
anything
negative
about my
power.



YOU
WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO LEAVE
THEM ALONE.

IF YOU
REALLY DON'T
LIKE TO HURT
PEOPLE,



LET
GO.



YOU'RE
GONNA SAY
MORE?

SOS

BUT...



HEY,
KANOKO-
KUN.

always,
always
been
alone.

I have



AND THERE ARE THINGS I CAN SEE BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHO IS LYING, RIGHT?

THERE ARE THINGS YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE BECAUSE YOU CAN DETECT LIES.

Being able to be with someone

means that I'm not alone.



SFX: GROOOOOWL



THAT MEANS WE WORK TOGETHER WELL.

You're not
alone any-
more.

I think
I finally
understand

LET'S
BURY
THAT
TSUKU-
MOYAKI
IN THE
SOIL.

YEAH.

what it feels
like to not
be alone.



LET'S GO
HOME.



I may not
believe in
myself.

YEAH.

I SHOULD
BE THE
ONE WHO'S
HUNGRY,
I DIDN'T
EAT ANY
SWEETS!!

But I
believe
in the
detective.

